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BUSINESS/NON-INSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS

TUITION FEES

Tuition

The Board of Education will permit non-resident students from other school districts to attend local schools when they can be accommodated in existing classes. The students or their sending district shall pay a tuition fee to be established annually by the Board of Education. **At the same meeting the Board shall establish the preschool tuition both for residents and for non-resident staff.** Students will be charged any excess costs for programs and services provided beyond the general education curriculum in addition to the base tuition rate. Non-resident attendance with tuition shall be for one school year or less to be extended pending approval. The Superintendent shall retain the right to terminate a non-resident student should the student violate school or district policy as set forth in the contract between the parents/guardians and the Board.

The tuition fee may be adjusted as changes in costs indicate unless a multiple year agreement to provide educational facilities is entered into with another Board of Education. Notice shall be given at least one year prior to the discontinuance of service for non-resident high school students.

~~When a student is accepted into a special education program, the tuition cost shall be the total of any excess costs for programs and services provided beyond the general education curriculum or as set by the Board of Education. The per student expense is defined as the approved annual budget less transportation, special education, and free/reduced lunch which is then divided by the project enrollment.~~

Tuition rate as follows:

Students in Grades K-12 (BA, WJJMS, JJIS, CES): Full time rate as established annually by the Board.

Special Education: Annual tuition to be determined based on level of services needed:

- **If special education services are required, and the student's IEP includes provisions requiring additional expenditures, such as additional staff or outside services, the staff member shall be charged those additional costs as fees in addition to the tuition.**

- **<u>For students placed in a special, self-contained program the tuition will be 1.5x or 2.0x the established tuition rate, determined by the type of services required and the type of program offered.</u>**

Tuition and Fees for Children of Non-resident Staff

Children of non-resident, full-time staff may be allowed to attend Colchester Public Schools in grades K-12 with the written approval of the Superintendent of Schools following a written request. The guidelines in the sections above shall apply to such requests except for the payment terms and schedule described below.

1. The annual tuition for these students will be based on the staff member's length of continuous service in the Colchester Public School System.

- 0-2 years of completed service - the staff member will be charged 50 percent (50%) of the tuition rate established above.
- 3-10 years of completed service - the staff member will be charged 25 percent (25%) of the established tuition rate.
- 10 or more years of completed service - the staff member will be charged 10 percent (10%) of the tuition rate established

2. If special education services are required, and the student's IEP includes provisions requiring additional expenditures, such as additional staff or outside services, the staff member shall be charged those additional costs as fees in addition to the tuition charge without any proration or reduction for years of service. If services can be accommodated with current staff then no additional charges will be made.

<u>3. Children of non-resident, full-time staff may be allowed to attend Colchester Public Schools' Preschool program. Staff may enter their students into the lottery process and if selected will pay the full preschool tuition as determined by the Board annually. Administration shall annually set a maximum number of seats for children of non-resident staff based on the availability of total seats.</u>

Courses Outside Regular School Hours

A tuition fee may be charged when a course is offered outside the regular school hours.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-24b Fee when course offered outside regular school hours
10-33 Tuition in towns in which no high school is maintained

10-34 Approval by state board of incorporated or endowed high-school or academy
10-35 Notice of discontinuance of high school service to nonresidents
10-220 Duties of Boards of Education
10-253 School privileges for children in certain placements, non-resident children and children in temporary shelters.
10-266 Reimbursement for education of pupils residing in state property

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